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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter in regards to the antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. My opinion is that the litigations against Microsoft need to come to an end and the settlement that has been reached is more than fair and reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit. This litigation shows that a normal hardworking person can only get so far. You take a company and put your whole life into it, build it up from the ground up and then the government comes in and tells you that you have to tear it down.

Furthermore, Microsoft gives thousands of people jobs, donates millions to charity, and has developed software that has enabled people to run their own businesses more efficiently. The terms that Microsoft has agreed to have shown that they are willing to do what it takes to end this matter, enabling themselves and the courts to concentrate on more pressing issues. Microsoft has consented not to retaliate against software and hardware developers and promoters that compete with Microsoft. Also, Microsoft will make it easier for non-Windows programs to run within Windows.

It is obvious this issue needs closure. Litigations will continue to waste millions in tax dollars not to mention the effect that it has had on the IT industry and the economy. Microsoft has worked hard to become the company it is and should not be torn down or hassled any further.

Sincerely,

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